

Expansion of Road in Hassan Town

440 SRI K. H. HANUMEGOWDA (Hassan).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) the date on which the Government sanction was accorded to the Public Works Department Road passing through new-line road in Hassan Town ;

(b) the width of this Road in new-line of Hassan Town ;

(c) the width of new-line Road of Hassan City required to be expanded according to the recent Government Order ;

(d) the number of houses demolished in order to extend the width in new line Road of Hassan Town in view of Government Order ;

(e) the year in which the said houses new demolished were built ;

(f) whether the Government has granted any compensation to the said house owners ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) This Road is of the P.W.D. Road since a long time. This is included in the State Fund Roads according to the Statistics of Roads published on 31st March 1959.

(b) The present width of the Road is from 13½' to 30'.

(c) As per the Government Order width of the road should be 35 feet.

(d) Some of the house owners who had encroached upon the Government land, have vacated the land voluntarily.

(e) These details are not available with P.W.D.

(f) The question of granting compensation does not arise, since the house owners who had encroached on the Government land have vacated the land voluntarily.

K. E. B. Diploma Engineers Association

569 SRI K. B. KOLIWAD (Ranibennur).—Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(a) whether any representation seeking recognition of the Karnataka Electricity Board Diploma Engineers Association is pending before the Government;

(b) if so, since how long it is pending;

(c) the reasons for not recognising the said Association so far ?

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Labour).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (a).

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (b).

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) *re : Interruption in power supply and hardships to agriculturist in Basava Kalyana Taluk*

SRI BAPURAO ANANDA RAO HULSURKAR (Basavakalyana).—I call the attention of the Minister of State for Information and Power to the great hardship caused to the Agriculturists of Basava Kalyana Taluk due to regular interruptions in power supply.

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister of State for Power Supply and Information).—Sir, I wish to make the following Statement.

My attention has been called to the regular interruptions (apart from general power cut) of power supply in Basavakalyana Taluk causing great hardships to the agriculturists of Basavakalyana Taluk (in Bidar District) in the agricultural operation, resulting in great hardship and loss.

Regrettably frequent and long interruptions of power supply in Basavakalyana taluk occurred recently during December 1976 and January 1977 due to the following unavoidable reasons.

Due to forced outage of No. 2 and 4 machines at Sharavathy Generating Station during August and November 1976 respectively and the Generator No. 9 working only to 50% capacity, the installed capacity at Sharavathy station was reduced from 802 MW to 590 MW. In order to meet the load requirements during the morning and evening peak hours load shedding became necessary. It was however done on a scheduled programme from 15-11-1976 between 7 and 9 a.m. in the morning and 6 and 8 p.m. in the evening by opening out 11 KV feeders.

I am happy to state that on the commissioning of the 10th unit at Sharavathy station, the load shedding has been withdrawn from 22-4-77 and interruptions due to load shedding have stepped.

SRI BAPURAO ANANDA RAO HULSURKAR.—I want to know whether non-supply of parts like screws, nuts, bolts, insulators, etc., is also causing hardship.